



**TPC Group Plant Explosion and Fire Update  
Port Neches, Texas  
November 27, 2019 Morning Update**

**Incident Overview:**

On November 27, 2019, a report was received from the National Response Center about an explosion at a facility in Port Neches, TX. The news continues to report an evacuation of a half-mile around the facility and a shelter-in-place beyond that. No fatalities have been reported, only three injuries. The plant continues to burn at this time.

A second explosion occurred at approximately 1400 on November 27, 2019. Residents were ordered to evacuate.

The site employs more than 175 full-time employees and produces butadiene and raffinate. Combined production capacity for this facility is more than 900 million pounds per year. Infrastructure at the site includes pipeline, barge, rail and tank car.

**Executive Overview:**

- OSC Adams is on-scene.
- OSC Adams is near making a formal request for a health consult.
- The current OPS period is set to run 24 hours beginning at 1300
- The main chemical of concern is still 1,3 Butadiene, although other chemicals may be involved.
- All water on the facility drains to the on-site waste water treatment plant. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) personnel report the waste water treatment plant is currently has no power. Vacuum trucks will be used to maintain holding capacity at the plant until electricity is restored or generators are put in place.
- Three options are under consideration for storing the water from firefighting operation:
  - Drain water to a pond on the site
  - Using frac tanks to store the water
  - Using boom to route the water to a low lying area of the facility
- The USCG has created a safety zone on the Sabine/Neches waterway.
- The fire is still ongoing and contained to the TPC Group plant.
- Mutual aid is assisting in the fire-fighting efforts.
- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is on scene conducting air monitoring equipment.
- ASPECT has arrived on scene and is performing monitoring.